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Covishield scarcity

District Health Officers resort to vaccine management

▶ Soon, KSRTC drivers, conductors and Postmen to get jab

▶ Fresh stock of COVID-19 vaccines expected next week

Mysuru, Mar. 21 (SSV)- With stock of Covishield vaccine depleting in Mysuru district, Health Department Officers have resorted to internal adjustment by withdrawing excess stock from Taluk General Hospitals and diverting it to District Hospital as 'stopgap' arrangement.

Till the fresh arrival of vaccine, the ASHA, Anganwadi and Health Volunteers have been strictly told not to mobilise people in rural areas for vaccination. Last week, the State Government had set them a weekly target of 70 beneficiaries per week.

Since yesterday, Covaxin, an indigenously developed vaccine by Bharat Biotech Laboratory, was being given to first dose takers. The Covishield vaccine was being administered only for those who had taken it as first dose last month.

Sources told *Star of Mysore* that information about the stock of Covishield available in each Taluk General Hospital, Primary Health Centres, Urban PHCs, JSS Hospital and Apollo BGS Hospital was being sought for lateral transfer of vaccine to the place of demand.

Districts have been told to manage with whatever stock available for time being.

No wastage of vaccine

In view of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's concern over the wastage of vaccine in some States, the State Health Department has given instructions to all District Officers to clearly tell all Government Hospitals, Taluk Hospitals and Primary Health Centres to open the vial only after sufficient number of beneficiaries come to vaccination booths. Accordingly, Covaxin vial must be opened after 20 persons come to Vaccination Centre. And similarly, Covishield vial must be opened after 10 beneficiaries gather at the booth.

KSRTC, Postal staff

The sources said drivers and conductors of Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) and Postmen / Postwomen, irrespective of their age, will get the jab from next two to three days as per directions from State Health Department. This is being done following their contact with the general public and a special session for them would be held in District Hospital.

Hunsur Assistant Commissioner Veena and H.D. Kote Taluk Health Officer Dr. Ravikumar seen during their inspection at Bavali check-post yesterday.

Fake RT-PCR negative report

Kerala visitors sent back from Bavali check-post

Mysuru, Mar. 21 (RKB & SSV)- Health and Revenue Officers of H.D. Kote taluk have intensified checking on Karnataka-Kerala border in the wake of recovery of three fake RT-PCR negative reports produced by Kerala visitors to enter the State in last two to three days.

Recently, Kodagu District Authorities came across fake negative report carried by some visitors from Kerala which has made the State authorities to become vigilant.

At Bavali check-post, the Health Department staff came across three fake test reports and those visitors were sent back to Kerala with stern warning. Close on the heels of this incident, H.D. Kote Taluk Health Officer (THO) Dr. Ravikumar and Hunsur Assistant Commissioner Veena inspected the Bavali check-post.

They were informed that Health Department staff are working in shifts to keep an eye on Kerala visitors. An Ambulance is stationed at the check-post to take visitors for testing in case they failed to produce RT-PCR report.

Health Department personnel from Taluk Hospital and Vivekananda Memorial Hospital are working in shifts to examine people from the neighbouring State.

The THO said that RT-PCR test was done at eight places in the taluk.

On Saturday, 384 tests were done. Out of three positive cases, two were sent to Mysuru District Hospital and one was under treatment in the Taluk Hospital. "We are taking all measures to stop Kerala tourists from entering our State without negative report," he added.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 21st March 2021

JSS ties up with Indian Rubber Institute to set up Centre of Excellence

Mysuru, Mar. 21- As per Gover-nment of India's Automotive Mission Plan, by 2026, India will be the third largest automobile manufacturer globally, 12 percent of GDP will be from automobile sector and will generate around 65 million employment.

JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), Mysuru, which is in the forefront in bridging the gap between industry and institution, has collaborated with Indian Rubber Institute (IRI) to set up a Centre of Excellence (CoE) at their campus.

IRI is a professional body of rubber technologists, engineers, scientists, academicians and other professionals and organisations associated with the rubber and allied industry in India. JSS Mahavidyapeetha has provided 10,000 sq.ft. land on a long term lease to set up this CoE which will serve as a national referral hub to disseminate knowledge in all aspects of rubber science and technology.

Joint research, seminars, workshops, publications will be the key area of focus. This Centre will facilitate employment and encourage students to become entrepreneurs, who in turn would generate further employment and contribute to MSME segments.

A formal MoU was signed and exchanged between Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha and Dr. R. Mukhopadhyay, Chairman, Governing Council, IRI, Mysuru recently in the presence of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and other dignitaries.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Governments of the day that govern cities, mini-metros and urban-clones of every kind are indeed over-worked, over-stretched and totally involved in managing the urban chaos on a day-to-day basis with a day-to-day mind-set. Urban governance is itself on a very fast-rolling treadmill of its own. There is little time to stop, think and plan better. Our cities have the Corporations and Municipal bodies vested with the power to govern. And literally every one of them is stretched, if not over-stretched, in their ability to deliver.

There is a very important need for more. There is a need for active participation of citizens in managing their cities. There is a need for cities to set up collectives of their own to manage specific issues that need to be managed. There is a need to set up a whole menagerie of political and administrative action committees that offer the solution of shadow governance of cities. There is a further need to set up Ward-level Committees that have the interest of the city-dweller at the forefront. These specific action groups will need to act as shadow governance groups and micro think-tanks, and will indeed need to emerge as powerful hubs of local self-governance. An important missing link. Small is indeed beautiful. The smaller the area of focus, the more efficient the ethos of local self-governance. To a very big extent, the future of Indian cities lies in the hands of these groups, more than any else. May they thrive!

— Harish Bijoor in The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

Rare bird may go extinct as it forgets mating song

Sydney: The Regent Honeyeater is already one of the world's rarest birds, but experts are worried that it could soon go extinct because they have forgotten their mating song.

Flocks of hundreds of regent honeyeaters could once be spotted all over south-eastern Australia on a regular basis, but today the species is critically endangered, with only 300 specimens believed to exist in the entire world. As their numbers started dwindling, ornithologists started noticing this complexity diminishing, to the point where male Regent Honeyeaters didn't even sound like their species anymore.

Today, there is ample evidence that Regent Honeyeaters have forgotten how to sing, which could render the entire species extinct. At one point, Australian ornithologists noticed that male regent honeyeaters were imitating the songs of other bird species and some experts believed that the mimicry was considered a deliberate strategy to avoid getting attacked by the larger birds. However, a recent study showed otherwise.

Woman colours her dog with vegetable dye

Colorado: Echo, a two-year-old Harlequin Dane, has been turning heads everywhere she goes after her owner dyed her coat purple, blue, pink and turquoise. Sierra Schoon, a 22-year-old woman from Colorado, has been coloring her service dog, Echo, using vegetable-based hair dye, ever since the dog was about six-months old.

The young dog groomer said that Echo loves to be pampered for hours, while she dyes. Apparently, the dog loves the attention she gets when they go for walks, as people get very confused by her unusual look.

HEALTH CAPSULE

How to reduce the stress?

Some of these may help us like using logical thinking and reduce your emotional thinking during any conflicts. Another way is probably using problem solving techniques to every problem we encounter.

By Dr. Krishna K. R. - Consultant Psychiatry

COLUMBIA ASIA

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Wheat grass opponents argue that wheat grass, as a grass, is only eaten by ruminants, mammals that chew their cud. Wheat grass has been shown to be a low-quality, low-nutrient food that humans aren't equipped to properly digest. Its low nutrition content is demonstrated by the nutrient profile for a wheat grass drink at a juice bar.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	MAR. 19	MAR. 20
Day's Positive Cases	49	59
Total Positive Cases	54,682	54,741
Day's Discharges	42	34
Total Discharges	53,367	53,401
Day's Deaths	2	0
Total Deaths	1,041	1,041
Total Active Cases	274	299

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

KSOU Virtual JobKart to conclude tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 21- 'KSOU Virtual JobKart,' an online Job Fair, organised by Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), in association with JobKart India, will conclude tomorrow (Mar. 22). Job-seekers can download JobKartIndia app from Google Playstore and register for free. Fill primary and secondary information and complete the profile. Upload video resume of one minute duration as a video file. Upload necessary scanned documents [The profile link, which is provided, could be shared digitally anywhere]. Job-seekers are provided with the option to refine job search results to filter results based on job description, eligibility and required skills.

Aspirants can also study in detail and apply for jobs and look out for notifications in the app on daily basis. Company recruiters will call on the registered mobile phone number or e-mail the list of short-listed candidates for the telephonic interview.

Recruiters will also conduct virtual interview through Zoom app and the final interview will be conducted face-to-face in the respective companies.

REALLY...?

- ***Roasted vegetables are traditionally served with Christmas dinner and Thanksgiving where a variety including delicious winter roasted vegetables are prepared for these special celebratory meals.***
- ***Beetroot leaves are very healthy as they provide vitamin A, Iron and Calcium! Beetroot has been used for the production of sugar over the years.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Boss: *Tindu, I shall appoint you as a Driver. Starting salary will be Rs.2,000, Is it OK ?*

Tindu: *Starting salary that will do. But what will be the Driving salary ??!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.44
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 100.48
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.72
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.56

VOICE OF THE READER

Clutter-free house is a negation of life

Sir,

In his article titled ***'A Golden Gift from a Golden Era'*** under the weekly column *'Over a Cup of Evening Tea'* (SOM dated Mar.14), Dr. Javeed Nayeem has taken us back to those halcyon days of musical era reverberating the music of the mellifluous singing of the greats like Pankaj Mullick, Saigal, K.C. Dey, Atmaa etc. I am sure this must have made many a member of older generation to go back in time.

I still enjoy the song by Noor Jahan *'Barasore'* after Saigal is burning when he sang Deepak Raga *'Diya Jalav'* song.

Particularly I feel a sense of regret for we had a very nice Gramaphone recorder with lots of records which my father gave away. I was young and was not bright enough to protest for I never realised its importance then.

This happens all too often for I remember the coffee grinder fixed to the wooden plank of our open cupboard in the kitchen and the soapstone vessels used for preparing *Saaru* etc. In fact, we had Bharjhi, Gurani and small hand-held gun in our house at Krishnamurthypuram.

We were told it was the relic of our being in some security service for which, as related by my father, the title of 'Bapu' came as our ancestors dodged the British in protecting some treasure. We had a record of Gohar Jan where at the end she would announce in English 'I am Gohar Jan'.

Then there was another record by a Gamaki Singer Nagamma who would announce at the end in Kannada 'I am twelve year old Balaki Nagamma'. She was the disciple of Basavappa Sastri.

At this point of time what I remember of the record was the broken pieces would be rubbed on thick sandal round board and the paste used as a remedy for scorpion bite. If we had only retained it, it would have been a priceless heritage now.

Many times in life we have missed a golden opportunity for in our anxiety to get rid of useless things that clutter our houses we throw away things and regret later.

—H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana
Saraswathipuram
15.3.2021

Obituary

G.B. Chandrashekar

Mysuru, Mar. 21- G.B. Chandrashekar (63), Member of Cosmopolitan Club and retd. Development Officer of LIC of India, passed away yesterday following a heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Well-known as GBC in Development Officers' circle, he had also served as the President of Development Officers Union, Mysuru Division, for three terms.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Lalithadripura this afternoon.

M. Girish

M. Girish (34), son of Sundramma and late Maraiah and a resident of J.P. Nagar in city, passed away yesterday following brief illness.

A native of Gejjagalli here, he leaves behind his mother, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram this afternoon.

K. Babu

K. Babu (85), retired Deputy Shop Superintendent, Southern Railways, Mysuru and a resident of Ramakrishnanagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, five daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

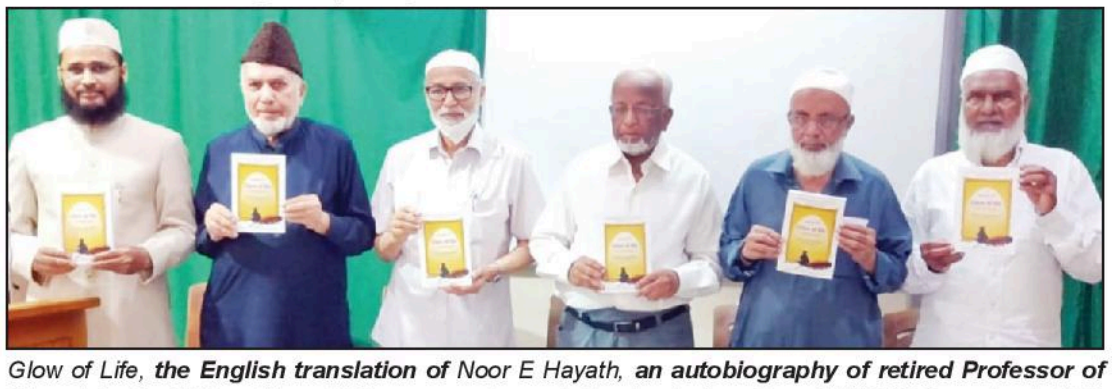
Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this morning, according to family sources.

K. Dhruvakumar

K. Dhruvakumar (54), Head of Economics Department at University of Mysore Evening College and a resident of Siddarthanagar, passed away on Friday morning following a heart attack. He had served as Economics Lecturer for about 20 years at Maharaja's College and at the Evening College.

A native of Koppa in Mandya district, he leaves behind his wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Friday evening.

Prof. Noor Ahmed Khan's autobiography "Glow of Life" released



Glow of Life, ***the English translation of*** *Noor E Hayath,* ***an autobiography of retired Professor of Chemistry Prof. Noor Ahmed Khan, was released at a simple function at MESCO Complex in N.R. Mohalla on Friday. Seen are*** *(from left)* ***Academic Director of Dar Ul Umoor, Srirangapatna, Dr. Mohammed Hazique Nadwi, Prof. Noor Ahmed Khan, Retired Deputy Director of CFTRI Dr. Syed Zakiuddin Ali, Secretary of Azam Bait Ul Maal, Mysuru, Prof. Riyaz Ahmed, translator of the book D. Kareem and Head of Jamaat E Islami Hind, Mysuru, Munawwar Pasha.***

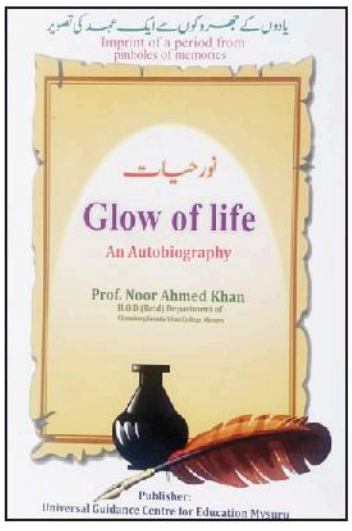
Mysuru, Mar. 21- *"Glow of Life"*, an English translation of retired Professor of Chemistry Prof. Noor Ahmed Khan's autobiography *"Noor E Hayath"* was released at the Lecture Hall of MESCO Complex in N.R. Mohalla on Friday evening.

Prof. Khan, who retired as Head of the Department of Chemistry, Sarada Vilas College, in the late nineties, had compiled his rich and myriad experiences in teaching, extra-curricular activities and social service in an Urdu book titled *"Noor E Hayath"*, which was released in 2019. The autobiography, which provides a glimpse of the life and charm of old world Mysore through various decades that had passed by, had been translated into English by D. Kareem.

Releasing *"Glow of Life"*, Academic Director of Dar Ul Umoor, Srirangapatna, Dr. Mohammed Hazique Nadwi, said Prof. Khan's autobiography would serve as an inspiration for readers to contribute to the society in whichever way they can.

Welcoming the gathering, Prof. Khan said his autobiography was a compilation of more than 80 years of his life. "These events and recordings is a true story of an average person like me," he said.

The autobiography is a "connect" between the educational, cultural, social, religious and national organisations that he had been associated with. "It gives a panoramic view of all the organisations, their aims, objectives and activities. It will give even glimpses of events and programmes of these organisations," he said.



Kareem, who has translated the book, said Prof. Khan did not rest on the laurels of his elder brothers — late Hafiz Iqbal Saheb and Hafiz Abdul Sattar Saheb — who were recognised for their mellifluous recitation of *Quran* to memorise which they had been to Saudi Arabia from 1938 to 1942. Prof. Khan earned a name for himself with his social service and commitment to society.

Secretary of Azam Bait Ul Maal, Mysuru, Prof. Riyaz Ahmed, who presided, recalled his more than 75-years of association with Prof. Khan in various social service organisations and appreciated his struggle to come up in life.

Munawwar Pasha, who heads Jamaat E Islami Hind in Mysuru, said the book provides readers a peep into the history and culture of Mysore during 1950s and 1960s. "It shows that there was much love and caring for each other. Unfortunately, such brotherhood is now sorely missing," he regretted. The invitees were given a copy of the autobiography free of cost.

CESC takes measures to offset power disruption to IP sets

Mysuru, Mar.21- Due to shortfall in power production in the district, there is some disruption in power supply to IP sets. However, the CESC has taken measures to offset this power disruption, by supplying power between 12 midnight and 4 am on all days. As the disruption in regular supply is expected to continue for one more week, the CESC authorities have appealed IP set owners and other consumers getting power from IP feeder lines, to co-operate, according to a press release.

"Distinguished Teacher Award to Suja.S"

Suja.S, a resident of Mysore, professionally certified International Yoga Teacher from past 7 years & pursuing her PhD in yoga, she won many prestigious awards in her field for dedicating her service towards yoga for society.

Institute of Scholars awarded her "Best Teacher Award 2020" in recognition of her valuable contribution to the academic community and the students.

She won "Distinguished Teacher Award" for managing Mental Health of Students during COVID-19 Era from International Educational Summit & Awards 2020.

Forever Star India awarded her "The Real Super Woman" in the field of Teaching & Research for the year 2020.

She was also awarded as "Educationist Entrepreneur" recently at an award ceremony organised by VelozEve international women's day Achievers Award 2021 in Ulsoor, Bangalore.

This Young & energetic Yoga Teacher contributing her service to the society and educating them to maintain a balanced health during this pandemic.

May her passion of educating yoga make people live their life healthy and peaceful!

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NEWS BRIEFS

Breath, Meditation Workshop

Sri Ravishankar Guruji's Art of Living presents Breath and Meditation Workshop from Mar. 30 to Apr. 4 in three batches — 6 am to 8 am, 11 am to 1 pm & 6 pm to 8 pm. For details, contact Mob: 98459-63387 or 63618-61973.

Animal adoption continues at Zoo

The following individuals / institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee: Dr. M. Shivamallesh, Mysuru - White Peacock & Mandarin Duck (Rs. 5,500), Lions Club of Mysore South, Agrahara, Mysuru - Budgerigar, Love Birds, Cockatiel, Red Avadavat, Finch and White-throated Munia (Rs. 6,000), Manjula, AEE, Bengaluru - White Peacock (Rs. 3,500), according to a press release from the Zoo Executive Director.

IEEE Computer Society Student Chapter

IEEE Computer Society (CS) Student Chapter was inaugurated at Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, recently. The main objective of IEEE CS Student Chapter is to promote leadership quality along with imparting the knowledge of latest technologies in deep among the students community. It also helps to organise technical talks, workshops, Faculty Development Programme (FDPs), Symposiums from world-renowned technical experts.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	124.80	feet
Yesterday	104.89	feet
Inflow	162	cusecs
Outflow	4,156	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	2,284.00	feet
Today	2,266.20	feet
Inflow	74	cusecs
Outflow	760	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	2,859.00	feet
Today	2,823.05	feet
Inflow	38	cusecs
Outflow	45	cusecs

Let hurdles for construction of Viveka Memorial be cleared

By Mahesh Jambardi

An artist's impression of the proposed Viveka Memorial.

With the proposed Viveka Memorial in the heart of the city running into hurdles, the informed citizens of Mysuru should join hands to realise the dreams of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, which has been serving the society for decades, of constructing the Memorial.

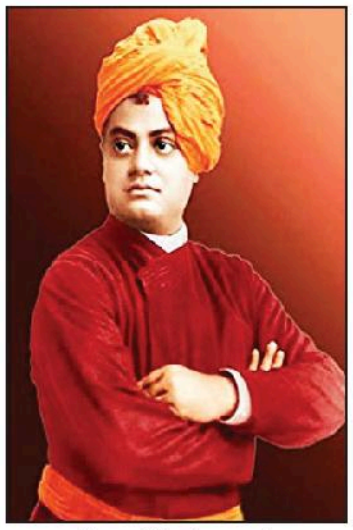
Ramakrishna Ashram has been propagating spiritualism, personality development and the like among the people, spreading the messages of great philosophers such as Ramakrishna Paramahamsa, Sharada Devi and Swami Vivekananda. The Ashram has published more than 440 works of the three iconic philosophers. Now with the construction of Viveka Memorial, the Ashram plans to make the Memorial into a cultural hub and spiritual centre, especially for the youths.

The Memorial project features a study centre, cultural and personality development centre, an amphitheatre which can accommodate 500 youths at a time, an interactive museum and the like. The Centre plans to have a full-fledged library from which civil services and other competitive exam aspirants can access books. It will also have works of literary greats such as D.V. Gundappa (DVG), Kuvempu, Da.Ra. Bendre, Shivarama Karanth and Masti Venkatesh Iyengar.

The other activities at the Centre will include personality development training classes, English and Kannada language excellence classes, skill development training, Indian spirituality and culture, yoga and pranayama classes, music classes, both vocal and instrumental.

There are plans to conduct a survey of villages in association with NGOs for evolving rural development programmes, to showcase the life, preachings, messages of Swami Vivekananda and other philosophers, to produce a documentary on Swami Vivekananda's visit to Mysuru, conduct training classes for youths and other needy sections of the society.

The Ramakrishna Mutt and Mission is not limited to any religion, caste, creed or faith. The Mutt has been serving the society for decades on the underlying principles of Swami Vivekananda and Ramakrishna Paramahamsa that the entire humanity is one. The Memorial hopes to bring all sections and classes of the society for working towards the welfare of the poor and the down-



Swami Vivekananda

trodden. In such a scenario, it is not right on the part of anyone to oppose the Viveka Memorial that the city's Ramakrishna Ashram plans to build as an international cultural and spiritual centre.

Now coming to the dispute regarding the construction site, the Viveka Memorial is coming up at the NTM School premises. But soon as the Memorial was proposed at the site, many intellectuals and personalities decried the move saying that the NTM School building is a heritage centre. But in reality, their contention is far from truth. The NTM School was inaugurated by renowned writer Dejagow way back in 1971. It is worthwhile to note here that the same Dejagow had backed the construction of Viveka Memorial at the same site by Ramakrishna Ashram. Although many structures and centres in Mysuru are named after the erstwhile Mysore Maharajas, it does not necessarily mean that such structures or buildings were inaugurated by the Maharajas. The Maharani's School is situated opposite NTM School (New Type Model School). But some intellectuals and others are issuing baseless and uncalled for statements in a bid to create confusion and trigger tensions. However, all such statements are nothing but misleading and does not hold any value.

It must be noted here that many great writers, individuals, achievers, statesmen and such other tall personalities like Rashtrakavi Kuvempu, Nadoja Dejagow, Rashtrakavi Prof. G.S. Shivarudrappa, Dr. Prabhushankar, Dr. CPK, Dr. Prabhuprasad, Dr. Chidananda Murthy and Dr. Malali Vasanthkumar, were associated with Ramakrishna Ashram for decades. By such an association, they drew inspiration for achieving much bigger. By learning the ideals of spiritualism and meditation, they added value to their life and living. The inspiration they drew from the Ashram helped them a lot in enriching Kannada language and literature Being witness to the Ashram's social and spiritual services for decades, these literary icons have eulogised the services of the Ashram in most of their literary works.

As a latest example of its selfless service to society, Sri Ramakrishna Ashram distributed Corona kits on a large scale to the poor and the needy. The Ashram is credited for distributing thousands of food and essential items kits to slum-dwellers for free in a most organised and systematic manner that can hardly be matched by others.

The Ashram is imparting education to thousands of students through its 'Viveka Shikshana' academic platform for over two decades. Scores of Kannada medium students studying in Government Schools of the city and district have benefited under this scheme. The Ashram is also helping a large number of Kannada medium Higher Primary School students under its exclusive 'Gadhadhara Abhyudaya Sankalpa' initiative. This scheme has benefited scores of poor students in both city and rural areas. Apart from imparting education to them, the Ashram has been serving food and distributing uniforms and stationeries to poor students for years. This apart, the Ashram is distributing books and stationeries to nearly 5,000 poor students every year.

Extending its service, the Ashram has established 'Sri Ramakrishna Seva Mandira' at Tenkalamole near Kuderu in Chamarajanagar district, where about 130 houses have been distributed free of cost to poor villagers. Besides, the Ashram is engaged in scores of other service activities, which chiefly includes holding of classes, organisation of camps, organisation of cultural camps, health check-up camps, distribution of nutritious food, school kits and such other essentials. What is important to note here is that the Ashram has been carrying out these activities silently, without seeking any publicity.

Despite all these services and activities of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram for the welfare and well-being of the people, it is disappointing to note that some disgruntled elements have been opposing this novel project, making baseless allegations and carrying out misinformation campaigns.

It is high time that the people of the city realise the malicious intention behind the false propaganda and support the cause of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram for the construction of the ambitious Viveka Memorial that proposes to cater to the academic, intellectual and spiritual growth of lakhs of students in the years to come.

BJP likely to field B.Y. Vijayendra in Basavakalyan and Jagadish Shettar in Belagavi for by-polls

Bengaluru, Mar. 21 (KMS&DM)- With less than a month to go for the by-polls to Basavakalyan and Maski Assembly segments and Belagavi Lok Sabha seat, ruling BJP is yet to finalise its candidates.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) last week had announced the by-poll schedule for two Assembly segments and one Lok Sabha seat in Karnataka, according to which the polling will take place on Apr. 17 and the results will be announced on May 2. Tirupati Lok Sabha seat in Andhra Pradesh too will go to the by-polls on Apr. 17.

However, the ECI did not issue the poll schedule for Sindhgi Assembly segment in Vijayapura district, which too has fallen vacant following the demise of M.C. Managuli of the JD(S) in January this year.

In a bid to select its candidates for the by-polls, the BJP held a Core Committee meeting in Bengaluru yesterday, during which it was reportedly decided to field State BJP Vice-President B.Y. Vijayendra, son of Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, from Basavakalyan Assembly seat in Bidar district, Pratap Gouda Patil from Maski Assembly segment in Raichur district and Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar from Belagavi Lok Sabha seat. Notably, Shettar, who is also a former Chief Minister, is the in-law of the late Union Minister Suresh Angadi.

The Belagavi Lok Sabha seat had fallen vacant following the demise of Minister of State for Railways Suresh Angadi in September last, while Basavakalyan Assembly segment fell vacant following the death of Congress MLA B. Narayan Rao last year and Maski Assembly constituency due to the resignation of the then Congress MLA Pratap Gouda Patil, who switched over to the BJP in 2019.

B.Y. Vijayendra

Jagadish Shettar

Speaking to press persons after the Core Committee meeting, BJP National General Secretary C.T. Ravi said that the State BJP Chief will send the list of probable candidates to the party's Central Election Committee, for scrutiny.

The BJP High Command, after discussing the merits of the candidates, will finalise the candidate for each seat, which is going to happen in a couple of days, he said and expressed confidence that the party will win all the three seats, which go to the by-polls on Apr. 17.

Saraswathipuram dacoity case

Police take journalist into custody

Mysuru, Mar. 21 (KS)- Saraswathipuram Police have taken a city journalist into custody for questioning pertaining to a dacoity case where miscreants had barged into a house of a doctor at Saraswathipuram, tied up the couple and two youths and had decamped with Rs. 13.60 lakh gold including Rs. 10 lakh cash from the house.

Police produced the journalist before the Third JMFC Court and had appealed for the journalist's custody for further interrogation and for recovery of gold ornaments, following which the Court honoured the appeal.

It may be recalled that on Mar. 17 night, a gang of five miscreants, armed with knives, screw driver and hammer, had barged into the house of a doctor couple on 5th Main, 6th Cross at Saraswathipuram, tied up the doctor and his wife, son and his friend, gagged them, stuck plaster on their mouth and had decamped with Rs. 10 lakh cash, 148 grams gold ornaments worth Rs. 3.6 lakh and 200 grams silverware worth Rs. 10,000, all totalling Rs. 13.7 lakh.

Based on the complaint from the doctor's son, Saraswathipuram Police are investigating the case.

Two-wheeler lifter, stolen vehicle seller arrested

12 vehicles worth Rs. 6 lakh recovered

Mysuru, Mar. 21 (KS)- Narasimharaja (NR) Police, on Mar. 19, have arrested a person who was trying to sell a stolen two-wheeler near Pushpashrama Junction on the Ring Road and brought him to the Police Station for further enquiry.

The arrested is Shabaz Khan of Shanthinagar in city. During interrogation, the accused is said to have confessed of stealing various two-wheelers from across the city using duplicate keys and selling the same along with his accomplice.

Based on the information provided by accused Shabaz, the Police arrested his accomplices (seller) identified as 40-year-old M. Fayaz Pasha of Kesare Belavatta and also recovered 12 two-wheelers worth Rs. 6 lakh from them.

Following their arrest, the Police have solved three bike-lifting cases in Jayalakshmipuram, two cases each in Nazarbad and Lakshmipuram and one case each in Devaraja, Udayagiri, V.V. Puram, Krishnaraja (KR) and Ashokapuram Police Stations.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna and NR Sub-Division ACP Shivashankar guided NR Inspector Azaruddin, Sub-Inspector Anilkumar, ASI Papanna and staff R.R. Manjunath, Y.T. Mahesh, Doddegowda, S. Ramesh, C. Sunil Kumar and K. Eeresh in the nabbing and recovery operation.

Riders killed as lorry hits bike near Mandakalli

Mysuru, Mar. 21 (YDS&KS) - Two youths were killed on the spot when a lorry reportedly rammed into the bike they were riding from behind near Mandakalli on Saturday.

The deceased youths are Abdul Pasha (24) and Rizwan Pasha (25), both residents of Muslim Block in Nanjangud.

On Saturday afternoon, the duo was proceeding on their bike from Nanjangud towards Mysuru and when they neared Mandakalli, a lorry rammed into the bike from behind killing them on the spot, according to Police. Mysuru South Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

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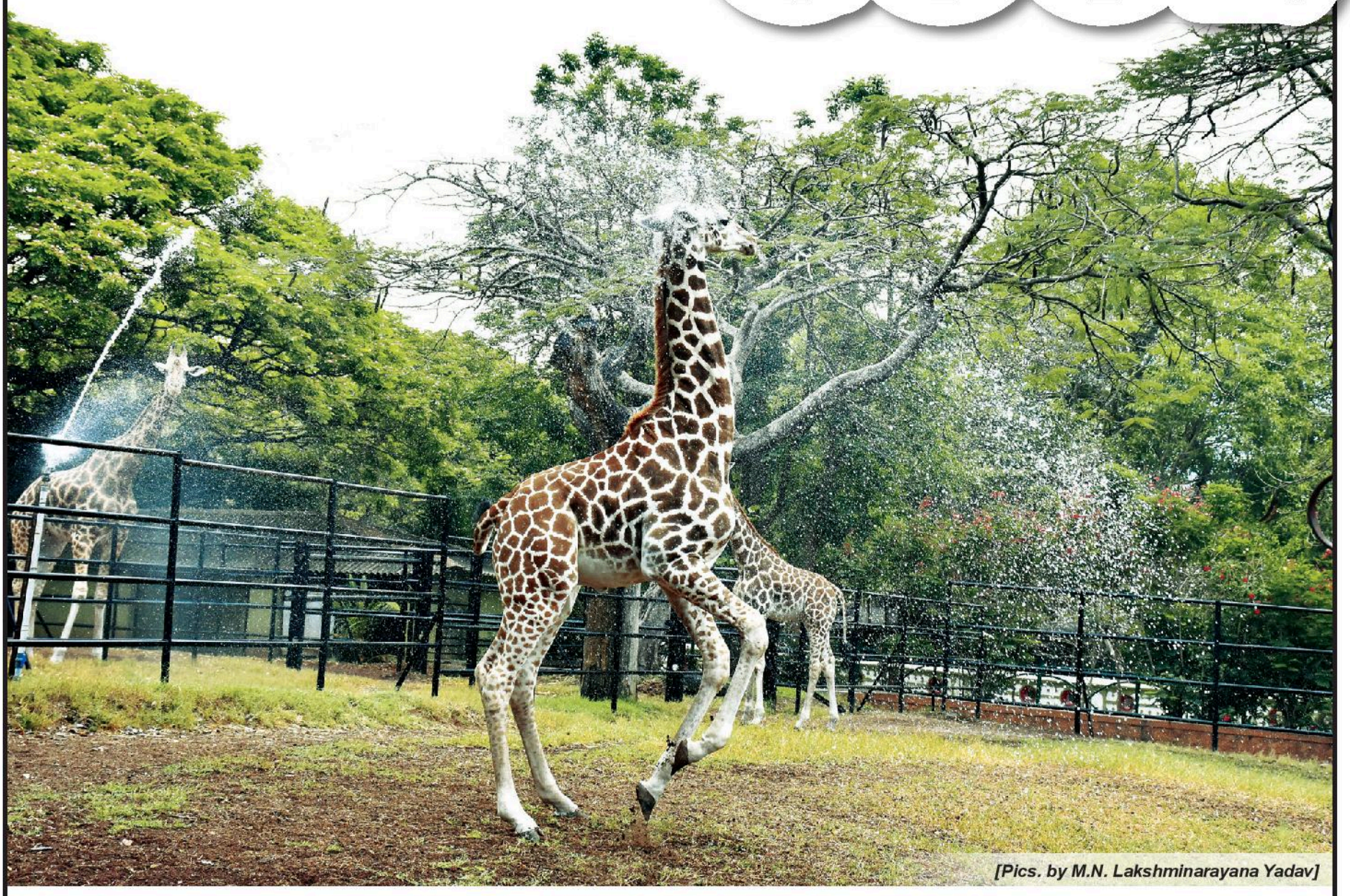

[Pics. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

Mysuru, Mar. 21 (MTY, YDS & BCT)- *She's crazy like a fool, What about it Daddy Cool...* goes the famous M. Boney music track.

With the onset of summer and increasing temperatures, Zoo denizens are being kept cool with water sprinklers, fruits and tender coconuts and lots of water to maintain hydration level.

Authorities at Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) are taking special care to ensure the animals do not suffer from sweltering heat. The rising mercury levels have kept the Zoo authorities on their toes as protecting animals from summer heat is their top priority. As abundant water is the main necessity for the animals and birds, Zoo officials keep them hydrated with glucose, ORS and calcium tablets.

Water is being sprinkled on animals, especially the ones in the open like elephants, giraffes, zebras, camels, lions and chimpanzees. Like all living beings, animals in captivity too require attention to keep them healthy during sweltering heat. They get dehydrated quickly in the heat. The 129-year-old Zoo houses nearly 1,400 mammals, birds and reptiles including exotic species. Though the vast green cover in the 157-acre garden offers much-needed shade and the temperatures are a couple of notches down when compared to the city temperatures, water is being sprinkled on the bodies of animals once in three hours to keep them cool. The moated enclosures of all large animals are equipped with water sprinklers and jets.

Animals usually get stressed and dehydrated in hot weather and as such, drinking water has been provided in enclosures and ponds have been developed to ensure that they do not suffer from dehydration, Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni told *Star of Mysore*.

HIGH WATER CONTENT

While ponds inside the enclosures of tigers, lions, cheetahs and leopards are kept full and refilled twice of thrice a day, the food given to herbivorous animals contain a lot of water content which include watermelons, musk-melons, bananas, oranges, soya bean milk, mosambis, grapes and cucumbers. Chimpanzees and African apes are fed with tender coconut water and vitamin tablets to help them withstand summer heat.

Ice cubes are being placed inside the enclosures of tigers and bears on a daily basis and ice blocks are placed inside the ponds of Himalayan bears too. Chimps get stressed by the heat because their body is covered by thick hair.

Apart from a cooler diet regiment, water is sprayed on them inside their holding rooms and ice blocks are dipped at their pools to keep the water chilled.

Mud ponds have been created for animals such as elephants, Indian gaur and rhinoceros. The mud on their body surface protects them from the heat. In addition, roofs of animal-holding rooms have been covered with reed grass and gunny bags and water is sprayed on the grass to maintain the temperature, he added.

REGULAR MONITORING

"We also mix drinking water with electrolytes, multivitamins and minerals and are fed to birds to prevent dehydration. Usually when summer peaks, our veterinarians regularly monitor the animals and birds to check whether they are in any discomfort. In addition, ponds inside the Zoo are filled twice a day to ensure sufficient drinking water for the animals," he explained.

It is not only the heat, but the animals also have to be protected from mosquitoes, so authorities have made special arrangements. The ponds from where they drink water are regularly cleaned. Veterinarians visit the enclosures of every animal every day and the keepers have been directed to inspect animal faeces regularly and to alert the authorities if they find any difference.

Passengers injured as bus falls into roadside ditch

Saragur, Mar. 21 (RS,Manju &KS)- More than forty persons of a marriage party, who were travelling in a private bus, sustained injuries, ten of them seriously, when the bus fell into a roadside ditch after the driver lost control over the bus yesterday midnight at Kandegala in Saragur. The people were returning after attending the marriage at H.D. Kote.

While 30 passengers escaped with minor injuries, 10 passengers, who sustained serious injuries, have been admitted to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru. The bus driver is said to have fled from the spot soon after the accident.

Nanjangud MLA B. Harshavardhan, who visited K.R. Hospital this morning, enquired the condition of the injured and asked Dr. Nanjundaswamy to provide suitable treatment.

Meanwhile, doctors treating the accident victims at K.R. Hospital said this morning that all the patients were out of danger and added that 3-4 patients have sustained more injuries and x-rays are being taken to ascertain if they have sustained fractures.

Saragur Police have registered a case.

Another blow for Highway motorists as Toll fee hike planned

Bengaluru, Mar. 21 (KMS&DM)- Coming weeks after the compulsory FASTag, which has come into effect across the country from Feb.16, the proposed hike in Toll fee across the country will deal a big blow to motorists passing through Highways.

FASTag is a Radio-frequency identification Technology (RFID) introduced by the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways in October, 2017. An RFID enabled sticker that is fixed to a vehicle's windshield, will enable a reader at the Toll booth to scan the card and automatically process the payment.

The tags are made mandatory as a way to both encourage digital payments and free up congestion at Toll booths.

The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, which made FASTags compulsory from Feb. 16, has now decided to hike the Highway Toll fee by five percent with effect from Apr. 1.

Besides, the Centre has proposed to hike monthly pass fee by Rs. 10 to Rs. 20.

NHAI (National Highways Authority of India) Karnataka Zone Planning Director Suryavanshi said that the NHAI revises the Toll fee every year and accordingly, it is proposed to hike the fee in the coming financial year too.

Noting that the hike in Toll fee, will have a cascading effect, he said that it is but natural that transporters pass on the hike to consumers, who ultimately feel the pinch of price hike.

Pointing out that the strict enforcement of FASTag has yielded Rs. 104 crore more, Suryavanshi said that 93 percent of the vehicles in Karnataka have FASTags and only 7 percent remained out of this. Meanwhile, motorists have urged the Government to stall the proposed Toll fee hike from Apr. 1. Pointing out that the hike will be additional burden for the common man who is already reeling under spiralling prices of fuel and other essential commodities, they urged the Centre to drop Toll hike plans.

Tourism Department to provide basic amenities at Bandipur

Bengaluru, Mar. 21 (KMS& BCT)- The State Tourism Department is mulling providing basic facilities like toilets, drinking water and good accommodation facilities at Bandipur Tiger Reserve. Though the Tiger Reserve is governed by the Forest Department, Tourism Department would provide the facilities with an eye on revenues in co-ordination with the Forest Department.

This was announced in the Legislative Assembly on Thursday last by Minister for Tourism, Environment and Ecology C.P. Yogeeshwar. He was responding to a question raised by MLA Niranjan Kumar.

He said that good grants have been received by the Tourism Department in the State Budget and to spend the allocations in a wise manner and to attract more tourists, the Tourism Department will provide facilities, he said.

Often, tourists have complained about the lack of facilities inside the Tiger Reserve that receives thousands of safari-goers every year. Most of the complaints have highlighted lack of bathrooms and drinking water. There are no proper sign boards to reach the cottages and no network services which creates problem to contact anyone.

In the cottages too, the tourists have complained about lack of facilities like dirty bedsheets, blankets despite high staying and safari charges. Bandipur has few options for both affordable and luxurious stay. And with the Government cracking down on illegal resorts around Bandipur and Gopalaswamy Betta, the inconvenience of tourists has only increased.

There are basic facilities including parking and good connectivity to safari-goers at Melukamanahalli Gate and Gopalaswamy Betta, the Minister replied.

"In the Tourism Development Committee meeting held for 2019-2020 season there was a proposal to improve facilities at Bandipur at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.27 crore. The proposal has been submitted to the Department," he said adding "Though we cannot allow private resorts to come up around Bandipur, we have been taking every step to improve the infrastructure. We hope this will attract more tourists in the coming days."

Obituary

Alhaja Khurshidunnisa

Mysuru, Mar. 21- Alhaja Khurshidunnisa (72), wife of late Syed Abdulla and a resident of #1760/1, Adam Khan Mosque Road in K.R. Mohalla, passed away this morning following brief illness.

She leaves behind a son, five daughters, sons-in-law including Alhaj Mahaboob Shariff of Shariff Furnitures and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held at Masjid-e-Adam Khan at K.R. Mohalla after Namaz-e-Isha (8.30 pm) today, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds on Ooty Road.

Open auction of Mango and Cashew crops on April 6

Mysuru, Mar. 21- The Horticulture Department has proposed to auction Mango and Cashew crops coming under the Department's jurisdiction (KSHDA limits), for a one-year period from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2021, for which it has invited tenders.

The interested parties can obtain the prescribed tender form from the office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, upon payment of Rs. 25.

All the sealed tenders received, will be opened publicly during the open auction to take place at the Department office at 12.30 pm on Apr. 6, according to a press release.

Public Notice

My clients have decided to purchase the schedule property from its owners Sri Thimma Setty.K and Sri Pawan Kumar.T, residing at No.2, 4th Cross, Kanakapura Main Road, Raghuvanahalli Gate, Opp. Y.D.I.T. Engineering College, Manjunatha nagara, Bangalore-560 062. 'Any persons/institutions having any right, title, interest claim, share, lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the schedule property should send their valid claims/objections in writing together with the supporting documents to the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice. If such claims/objections are not received within the said period, it shall be presumed that the schedule property is free from all encumbrances and my clients would proceed to purchase the same. Claims/Objections received after the said period shall not be considered.

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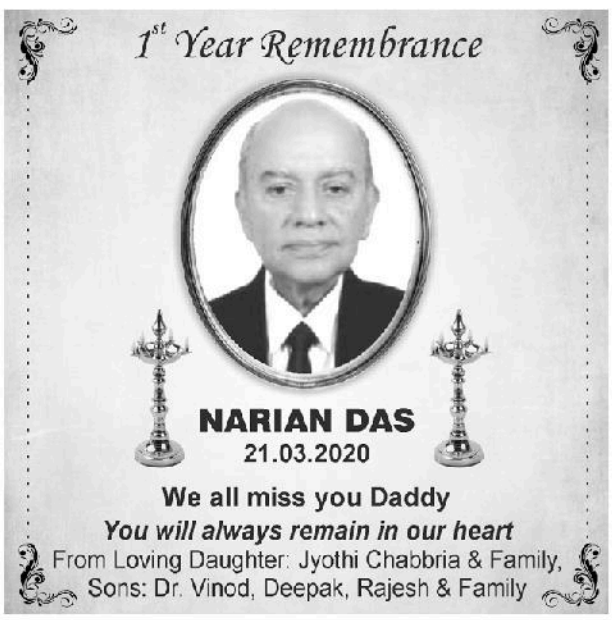
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Martial arts contests more suitable for women Police, says Mysuru DC

Mysuru, Mar. 21 (SPN&DM)- Observing that organising contests in Martial arts such as Kung Fu and Karate, would be more suitable for women Police, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri said it is heartening to note that women in the State Police force are well-versed in the art of self-defence.

She was speaking after distributing prizes to winners of various contests organised for women Police personnel by the District Police as part of International Women's Day, at the SP office premises in Nazarbad here on Friday.

Noting that women at lower level in the Police force face several challenges, both official and domestic, the DC said that it is happy to note that women Police personnel are balancing their work and responsibilities.

Stressing on the need for women to keep a watch on their health, the DC said that regular health check-ups will help in maintaining health and physical fitness.

Superintendent of Police (SP) C.B. Ryshyanth, in his address, said that it is satisfactory to note that women Police do not hesitate to work in night shifts. Highlighting the work of women Police even under trying circumstances, the SP said that the service of women Police must always be remembered.

The winners of various contests were distributed prizes on the occasion. They are:

Rangoli Contest: 1st prize - PSI Lakshmi and 2nd - Sushma and Kumuda of DPO; **Singing:** 1st - Geetha of DPO and 2nd - Sunitha; **Skit:** 1st - Vidyarani and 2nd - Preeti Kavalande; **Dance:** 1st - Poornima and 2nd - Preethu; **Fancy Dress:** 1st - Pushpabai and 2nd - Nandini Varuna; **Ramp Walk:** 1st - Geetha and 2nd - Nalini Talkad; **Miscellaneous:** 1st - Poornima and 2nd - Nandini.

Additional SP R. Shivakumar was also present during the occasion.

Appointed as Convenors, Co-Convenors

Mysuru, Mar. 21- The following newly elected Directors of the Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu District SC/ST Industrialists and Goods/ Equipment Supplies and Marketing Co-operative Society Ltd., Mysuru, have been appointed as the Convenors and Co-Convenors of the respective districts, according to a press release from the Society President Vijayashankar:

Chamarajanagar: Convenor - D. Eshwar; Co-Convenors - C.S. Akshay and M.S. Chandrashekar; **Kodagu:** Convenor - Y.T. Paramesh; Co-Convenors - M. Honnaiah and M. Chandra; **Mysuru City:** Convenor - P. Nanjundaswamy; Co-Convenors - M. Chandrashekar and Theinmozhi; **Mysuru Rural:** Convenor - Shivanna; Co-Convenors - Dr. P. Shobharani and B. Kalavathi.

BVB celebrates Einstein's birth anniversary

Mysuru, Mar. 21- Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) celebrated the birth anniversary of great physicist Albert Einstein at their campus by conducting a day-long workshop for 40 faculties of the school and Institute of Management on Sunday last. The day is also celebrated as international Pi day (3/14 Pi Day in month/day format).

Harish K. Machaia, a noted orator, held the audience spell-bound with his inspiring lecture intermingled with excellent videos, quizzes and games. He spoke about next century pedagogy and intellectual discoveries that can be brought out beyond the covers of the syllabus.

Examples were given about every day magic in numbers and contextualise the same with language skills and help students gain knowledge regarding places, Geography, Science and History.

He called upon children to read newspapers, technical magazines and to restrict use of screen time using digital devices.

The workshop also covered the importance of oral communication skills, body language, critical thinking skills, collaborative skills and development of leadership skills in the students.

Teachers were informed to enable students to learn and reflect to situations at individual level, institutional level, industry level and Indian/ National level and international level.

Earlier, BVB Secretary P.S. Ganapathy, who presided, detailed the need for conducting such workshops to enable students to face challenges and become successful in the dynamic world.

School Principal B. Vijaya Narasimham and Administrator Sudhindra Raj were present.

FPA India Mysuru Branch celebrates Women's Day

Mysuru, Mar. 21- FPA India, Mysuru Branch, celebrated International Women's Day at its premises in city recently. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Ruth Shantha Kumari, Principal, St. Philomena's College.

Speaking on the role played by women in the upliftment of society, she said women carry out lots of responsibilities such as housekeeping, maintenance of home, upbringing of children and in addition she is also capable of carrying out administrative, academic, scientific, political and other types of responsibilities. She has special qualities which men do not possess. In spite of these, thousands of women are harassed in various ways including gender and sexual reasons. Women are also the victims of social and religious beliefs, she rued.

Highlighting the contribution of women to society, she appreciated the role played by women while combating COVID-19.

Prof. S.N. Hegde Chairperson, FPA India, who presided, regretted that women are considered second grade citizens in our country. He felt it should have been the other way round.

He suggested that even men should be sensitised about the role of women so that the atrocities on women would automatically get reduced.

On the occasion, Dr. Ruth Shantha Kumari and COVID warrior Suvarna, a Staff Nurse at K.R.Hospital, were felicitated. Bijimole welcomed. Devika proposed a vote of thanks. Shaheen Taj compered the programme.

Bharath Hospital salutes spirit of womanhood

Mysuru, Mar. 21- On the occasion of International Women's Day, Bharath Hospital and Institute of Oncology (BHIO), Mysuru, felicitated four outstanding women achievers from diverse fields for their valuable contribution towards society and womanhood.

The women achievers, who were honoured are: Rukmini Madegowda, Mayor; M.S. Geetha, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime and Traffic); Dr. Pratibha Pereira, HoD of Geriatrics, JSS Hospital and Dr. Prameela, Medical Superintendent, Cheluvamba Hospital, Mysuru.

Speaking on the occasion, Rukmini Madegowda said the two words 'Women Empowerment' entail a deep ocean of concepts. Despite various challenges faced by women, they have achieved a good status in the enterprise sector. Since the last few years, women have successfully embossed their names in providing better services as employees, she noted.

DCP Geetha said "Women are bestowed with multi-tasking skills and possess the skill to perform their duties efficiently in any field. We should laud the multifarious roles being played by women in nation-building and underline the need for improving basic amenities for women at workplace."

Dr. Pratibha Pereira mentioned that women too have the same power as men and both are equal.

Dr. Prameela observed that "Women should be respected by family members and also allowed to achieve in her field of interest."

Dr. Y.S. Madhavi, Senior Radiation Oncologist, BHIO, said this honour is to celebrate the undying spirit of women.

Dr. M.S.Vishveshwara, Medical Superintendent and Chief Radiation Oncologist, said, "The world has witnessed a significant change and attitudinal shift in both women's and society's thoughts about women's equality and emancipation. Women play a pivotal role in the society and their empowerment is the upliftment of our society at large."

Endowment prizes presented

Swami Muktidanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, who inaugurated the programme at SVEI, is seen with Sagar, Vice-President, Student Forum, Dr. M. Devika, Principal, Dr. B. M. Subraya, President, SVEI, N. Chandrashekar, Hon. Secretary, SVEI and Ashok, Secretary, Student Forum.

Mysuru, Mar. 21- The Student Forum of Sarada Vilas College was inaugurated by Swami Muktidanandaji of Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, by lighting the lamp at a function held recently in the Centenary Hall of Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions (SVEI) in Krishnamurthypuram.

Endowment prizes instituted by the alumni, retired professors of the College, and many other donors were distributed to the student achievers on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Swamiji said students should aim high and reorient their education towards acquiring knowledge and derive happiness out of it. He advised the students to unlock the power of mind.

Swamiji also said education will give the strength to discriminate between good and bad.

Dr. B.M. Subraya, President, SVEI, advised the students to concentrate on their studies.

Prof. Shashikala, retired Professor of Zoology and Dr. Poornaprajna, an alumnus of the College, gave away cash prizes. Dr. Veena Bharathi from Bengaluru, another proud alumnus of the College, feted the students by giving cash prizes and silver medals to two College toppers. Dr. Veena instituted this prize in 2008 in memory of her mother Laxmi Ashwath.

N. Chandrashekar, Hon. Secretary, SVEI was present on the dais. Dr. M. Devika, Principal and also the President of Student Forum, presided.

Sagar, Vice-President of the Forum welcomed. Ashok, Secretary of Student Forum, proposed a vote of thanks.

Dr. Veena Bharathi** (extreme right) **presented the medal and cash prize to overall highest scorer S. Abhishek (Microbiology and Bio-Technology). H. Satyaprasad, Principal of Vijaya Vittala PU College, is also seen.

Mysore Beauticians Welfare Association Team

A group photo of the newly-elected Committee Members of Mysore Beauticians Welfare Association for the year 2021-23.** (Sitting from left) **Sapna - Joint Treasurer, Prathiba Shetty - Treasurer, Veda Rai - President, Nutan Nanda - Vice-President, Sabinnaa Jaleel - Secretary, Manjula, Joint Secretary;** (Standing from left) **Ahalya Suresh, Malini, Rajeshwari and Nasreen Taj - Committee Members.

TENNIS TALK

By U.B. Acharya

Djoko climbs 'Mount Everest' as No. 1 Player

On Monday, the 8th of March 2021, Novak Djokovic crossed a milestone of reaching 311 weeks as ATP's No. 1 ranked player surpassing Roger Federer's what one thought of as unbeatable record of 310 weeks. Before discussing further, let us look at some historical milestones.

Novak Djokovic

Historical Records

Though international tennis started in 1877 with the advent of Wimbledon Championships in London, the game became truly international only after the First World War in 1919. Since it was only amateur tennis in those years and there was no proper week by week ranking method, I have qualitatively estimated how many weeks these players would have been No. 1 ranked player if the modern technique was applied then. **A rough decade-wise analysis is given in the table.** *[See box]*

Some explanations are needed for this analysis table. 'Number of Major Titles' include Professional Majors also. In earlier years, State tournaments like Victoria State Tennis Tournament or Southern California Tennis Tournament, etc., were considered as equivalent of present day ATP tournament. Rod Laver's tally of 200 tournaments include many such tournaments though he won only 74 ATP tournaments after 1968. Number of weeks as No. 1 player is a calculated guesstimate and includes the number weeks as No. 1 player in their professional career also.

ATP Regime

The system of awarding No. 1 Ranking on a weekly basis started on August 23, 1973 onwards and the first recipient was Romanian Ilie Nastase. In fact the method is very simple and purely quantitative. For every recognised ATP tournament, points are awarded as per the player's performance. For example, the winner of a Major tournament earns 2000 points and runner-up gets 1200 points. The beauty is that even the qualifier of a Major tournament gets 25 points. Next in importance is the ATP

Finals and a player who wins all his league matches and then goes on to win the finals gets 1500 points. The number of points gets reduced as the importance of tournament is of a lower category. The bottom of the barrel is the 'Features 25,000' where the winner gets just 3 points.

The points are counted on 52 week basis. Suppose a player wins a Major tournament, he earns 2000 points. Next year, in order to maintain the total number of points he has earned so far, he would have to win that tournament. Otherwise he would lose points depending on up to which round he had survived! Therefore to retain week after week No. 1 ranking, a player has to be consistent for a long period of time!

The Usual Culprits

From 1973 onwards, a total of 26 players have reached the No. 1 spot. While Thomas Muster attained No. 1 ranking just for a week, five other players have maintained No. 1 ranking for over 250 weeks though not continuously. These five giants are Jimmy Connors (268), Ivan Lendl (270), Pete Sampras (286), and Roger Federer (310) and finally, the current holder of No. 1 Ranking Novak Djokovic (311). Djoko first became No. 1 when he beat the top seed Rafael Nadal in Wimbledon finals on 4th July 2011 and since then he has maintained top position 60% of the time !

Historical Records: Decade-wise analysis

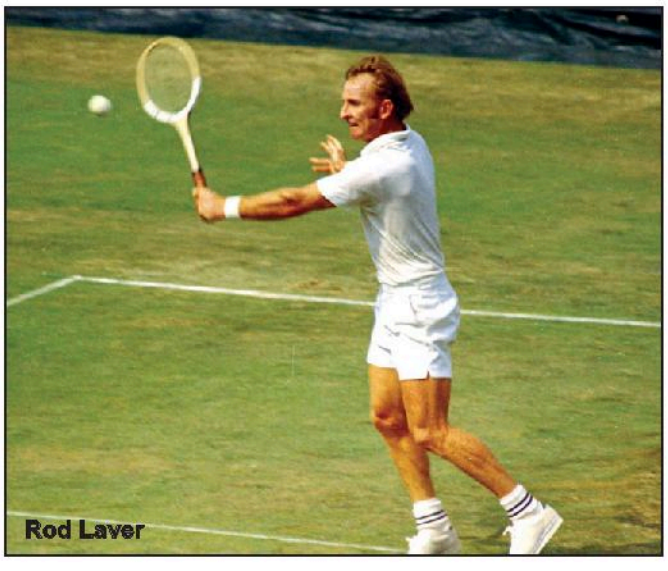
Decade	Player	Number of Major Titles	Overall Titles	Estimated Weeks as No. 1
1920s	Bill Tilden	10+4	138	300+
1930s	Don Budge	6 +4	43	225
1940s	-- None --	----	----	----
1950s	Pancho Gonzales	2+12	111	300+
1060s	Rod Laver	11+ 8	200	320+

We don't know how long he will be able to maintain this high level of game but right now he has set a new goal for himself.

The 'GOAT' Debate

The moment Djokovic won the Australian Open (his 18th Major), the tennis analysts have resumed their GOAT (Greatest Of All Times) debate. However, I will refrain from discussing this subject until the three of them end their tennis career or at least until the end of this year when the picture should become clearer.

Pancho Gonzales



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	(S-4)	1.30 pm, 4.10 pm, 9.55 pm
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Sasi (Te)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Jathi Rathnalu (Te)	(S-2)	4 pm
Mosagallu (Te)	(S-2)	7 pm
Munduvareda Adhyaya (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am
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Ondu Ghanteya Kathe (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Chaavu Kaburu Challagaa (Te)	(S-2)	10.50 am; (S-3) 6.45 pm
Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar (H)	(S-2)	2.05 pm
Jathi Rathnalu (Te)	(S-2)	5.15 pm
Mosagallu (Te)	(S-4)	12.00 noon
Sasi (Te)	(S-4)	3.15 pm
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Roberrt (K)	(S-1)	8.15 pm
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Mumbai Saga (H)	: 12.20 pm, 6.40 pm
Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar (H)	: 9.40 pm
The Priest (Ma)	: 9.50 pm

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5th T20I: Brilliant India oust England by 36 runs to bag series 3-2

Team India posing for a photograph after winning the Twenty20 International (T20I) series against England at Ahmedabad yesterday. [Pic. courtesy: BCCI]

Ahmedabad, Mar. 21 (UNI)- With the emphatic victory, Virat Kohli's men have extended their winning streak in Twenty20 International (T20I) cricket to 6 series, a fine run in the lead up to T20 World Cup.

After being invited to bat first yesterday, Rohit Sharma (64) and skipper Virat Kohli (80) blasted half-centuries as India reached 224/2 in stipulated 20 overs.

Chasing a mammoth target, Jos Buttler (52 off 34) and Dawid Malan (68 off 46) kept India on the edge with a dangerous 130-run stand. However, once Buttler got out in the 13th over bowled by Bhuvneshwar Kumar, England fell well short of the total.

In the end, Eoin Morgan led England could only score 188/8 in 20 overs, losing the match by 36 runs.

Bhuvneshwar Kumar (2/15) was the star of India's bowling attack. Shardul Thakur also chipped in with 3 wickets.

Earlier, Virat Kohli moved himself up the order to open with Rohit after India decided to drop opener K.L. Rahul to accommodate an extra bowling option in left-arm pacer T. Natarajan.

Rohit and Virat put on 60 runs inside the first six overs. Both batsmen accumulated boundaries and the hosts were looking set for a big score.

Rohit continued with his carnage and brought up his half-century in the eighth over of the innings. In trying to further accelerate the innings, Rohit (64) was dismissed by Ben Stokes.

Suryakumar Yadav (32) , who came into bat at number three, was in full destruction mode, but Chris Jordon pulled off an effort for the ages at the boundary rope as he helped in sending the right-handed batsman back to the pavilion.

In the final four overs, Pandya (17-ball 39) and Kohli went berserk and the hosts ended up with a total of more than the 220-run mark.

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 21)

- **The Jewellery Show:** Three-day expo-cum-sale of Genius BIS Hall Marked Gold Jewellery and also international GIA & IGI Graded Diamond Jewellery, Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, **up to 8 pm.**
- **Sahara Arts and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, JSS Ground, next to Doddakere Maidan, opp. Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Dasappa Memorial Trust:** Book release — Dr. D. Thimmaiah's 'Chintana Chadrike' — by former Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) Chairman Gonal Bhimappa, Sri Guru Haralaiah Rudrappa Swamiji graces the occasion, former Union Minister K.H. Muniyappa inaugurates the event, littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar presides, writer Prof. K. Bhyravamurthy speaks about the book, journalist Ravindra Bhat, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, author and Dasappa Memorial Trust President Dr. D. Thimmaiah and Chutuku Sahitya Parishat President Dr. MGR Urs chief guests, Rotary auditorium, JLB Road, **4.30 pm.**
- **Prakash Performing Arts Trust, Mysuru:** 'Varshabdhi Sambhrama - 2020-21' in fond remembrance of late Vidwan A.V. Prakash, a versatile musician and guru, Senior and popular violinist, Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy will be the guest of honour, Flute concert by the Trust students, **5.30 pm;** Veena concerts by eminent veena artistes, Vid. Balu Masti and Vid. Dr. S. Vijayaraghavan, accompanied by Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on ghata, Trust premises, #33, Surya Layout, Behind Naidu Stores, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **6 pm.** [Mob: 98451-35569]
- **Abhiyenthararu - A theatre for Engineers and Kannada & Culture Department, Bengaluru:** Rashtriya Ranga Utsava (National Theatre Festival), Ghazals presentation by film and theatre Music Director Ramachandra Hadapad, **6 pm;** Staging of English Play 'Investigation-SBC' by Centre for Film and Drama, Bengaluru [Written by Sriram Iyer; Adapted and Directed by Prakash Belawadi], Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **7 pm.**
- **Natana School of Arts:** Staging of play 'Ushaharana' [Written by Shanta Kavi (Sakkari Balacharya); Directed by Dr. Sripad Bhat], School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of William Shakespeare's play 'Macbeth' by the students of Bharatiya Rangashikshana Kendra [Kannada translation: Ramachandra Deva; Directed by S. Ramanath], Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 22)

- **Sahara Arts and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, JSS Ground, next to Doddakere Maidan, opp. Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Muktagangothri and Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi:** Inauguration of 5-day workshop on 'Use of technology and OER for online content development for better learning' by KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vidyashankar, Bengaluru's IT for Change Director & Founder Gurumurthy Kasinathan resource person, KSOU Registrar Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi and KSOU Statutory Officers will be present, Cauvery auditorium, KSOU premises, **11 am.**
- **NSS-Empanelled Training Institute (ETI), University of Mysore (UoM):** Valedictory of NSS-ITI 4th and 5th batches, course co-ordinator Prof. Chikkakempegowda presides, Mass Communication and Journalism Department Professor Niranjan Vanalli and UoM Syndicate Member Doddachari chief guests, NSS Bhavan, Sahukar Channaiah Road, Saraswathipuram, **11.30 am.**

Webinar on 'Forest Fires'

Mysuru, Mar. 21- Dr. Akshya Pattnaik (IFS), Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF), Cuttack Circle, Odisha, will speak on the topic 'Forest Fires - The lurking disaster; case studies from India and World' on Mar. 21 at 4 pm at Nature Classroom, Webinars and Virtual Demonstrations on Nature and Environment.

The talk is part of the '3-Day Workshop' organised by Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhubaneswar, a satellite centre of National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi, a subordinate office of Ministry of Environment Forest and Climatic Change, from Mar. 20 to 22.

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